



King County

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DCHS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS for Vashon-Maury Island:

Unincorporated Area Council (UAC) support

- DCHS provides direct service to the UACs in the role of the Community Service Representative, Bong StoDomingo, serving as a liaison between the UAC and county government.

Community Services Division

Aging Services:

- The Aging Program contracts with the Vashon Senior Center (over \$35,000 annually) to support programs for health promotion, counseling, information and referral, recreation and socialization, transportation, volunteer opportunities and more. Senior Center served 473 people in 2005.
- The Aging Program also contracts with Vashon Community Care Center (over \$18,000) to provide adult day health services; 26 homebound elderly people were served in 2005.

Community Organizing:

- Provides technical assistance and substance abuse prevention programs for at-risk youth.
- Served 445 youth through partnerships with the Vashon School District and Island Teens.
- Funded mini-grant (\$500) for Development of Island Teens youth/adult dialogues.
- Funded mini-grant (\$2,400) for McMurray Middle School to promote healthy choices for youth in school, home and the community.

Homeless/Housing Assistance:

- Emergency shelter provided to four households. Emergency financial assistance provided to 101 households through Vashon Youth & Family Services.
- Homeless prevention assistance: 47 households helped by Vashon Youth & Family Services and Fremont Public Association.
- Transitional housing assistance: 59 households, the majority helped by the YWCA South County Transitional Housing Project.
- Food Lifeline and Vashon Maury Island Community Food Bank were funded to provide over 600 bags of food.

Housing Development:

- Roseballen Project (\$716,990): 18-unit affordable housing subdivision under construction.
- Vashon HouseHold Eernisse Apartments (\$1,330,00): 26-unit affordable rental project currently in the permitting stage.
- Sunflower Community Land Trust (\$276,450): 8-unit affordable homeownership subdivision.

Juvenile Justice Intervention/Prevention:

- A range of programs help divert at-risk youth from the justice system into treatment, education, training, family services and other supports. Vashon Youth & Family Services helped 51 youth.

Veteran's Program:

- Assists low-income veterans and their families with financial aid, housing, employment, counseling and other aid. Five veterans were served. No eligible veteran is ever denied service.

Work Training Programs: Programs help at-risk youth and low-income adults gain education and skills to compete for jobs and build better futures.

- A total of 30 people received education and job training, with the majority served through the Multi-Service Center WorkSource Rural Connection Project via subcontract with Vashon Youth & Family Services.

Women's Program: Helps to coordinate emergency supports and aid to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, including hotlines, emergency shelter assistance, legal aid and other help.

- Domestic violence victim services were provided to 54 people from Vashon-Maury Island area. Providers were Island Domestic Violence Outreach Services and New Beginnings.
- King County Sexual Assault Resource Center helped five residents.

Mental Health

- Mental health services are available throughout King County, including inpatient and outpatient treatment, case management, individual and family therapy, medication management, vocational training and housing assistance. Highline-West Seattle was the most accessed provider.
- 24/7 telephone crisis help is available through the Crisis Clinic at 1-888 4-CRISIS. 24/7 investigation and detention services for involuntary commitment also available.
- Mental health services (crisis response, inpatient and outpatient services) were provided to a total of 164 adults and children on Vashon-Maury Island, up slightly from the number served in 2004.

Chemical Dependency

- Chemical dependency treatment is available at community-based agencies throughout King County. Services include inpatient and outpatient treatment, detoxification, opiate substitution, housing and vocational assistance. Chemical dependency services helped seven people in 2005.
- Eligibility screening is available at multiple sites, including the county jails and state Community Service Offices, and 24/7 referral assistance is available through the Alcohol and Drug Help Line at 1-800-562-1240.

Developmental Disabilities

- Four people served in 2005.
- Early intervention services help children with developmental delays ages birth-to-three prepare for school and other daily living activities.
- Supported employment programs help people with developmental disabilities pursue and maintain employment in the community.
- New Vashon Island Project (developed with Vashon School District and Vashon Rotary Club) seeks to create a new infrastructure to help island residents with developmental disabilities prepare for, find and keep jobs. Beginning with two young people leaving school this year, the project hopes to expand to assist people of all ages who want to work.

Office of the Public Defender

- Low-income people charged with a jailable offense have the right to legal services, with access coordinated by the Office of the Public Defender at nine sites in King County.
- In 2005, OPD served 66 clients from Vashon-Maury Island at a cost of \$48,408. The majority were adult cases (64). The largest numbers were misdemeanor (39) and felony (19) cases.